

S

Testimony in support of Bills 20 and 21 of the Honolulu City Council

May 6, 2015

Aloha, Chair Martin and City Council members,

I am Catherine Graham, co-chair of FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) and its Housing Task Force Chair along with Rev. Bob Nakata.

FACE is very much in favor of the ADU bills to expand affordable housing on Oahu.

As you may remember, FACE has constructed a model ADU out of a shipping container. We presented here on the lawn of Honolulu Hale for a week in February. Since that date it has spent one to three weeks at each of the following churches around the island:

- St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church
- Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church
- St. Timothy Episcopal Church
- Harris United Methodist Church
- St. John Vianney Catholic Church
- Christ Church Uniting Presbyterians and Disciples
- Nuuanu Congregational Church
- Kilohana United Methodist Church

RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK  
C & C OF HONOLULU  
2015 MAY -6 PM 12:48

And will soon go to

- Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

The response from folks who have seen this model home has been overwhelmingly positive. People have been able to experience firsthand that a shipping container can be made into a cozy, lovely home that is AFFORDABLE. People are asking what the permitting process is and will the banks finance it. People are strongly in favor of having this affordable housing option.

I strongly urge the City Council to pass these bills. Allowing ADUs is the quickest and most affordable method of increasing Honolulu's housing inventory in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your time.

Catherine Graham, FACE  
741-4317  
Catgraham48@gmail.com